THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) Yes, Sir, oil discoveries have been made in block RJ-ON-90/1 by M/s Cairn Energy Pty. Ltd. in the State of Rajasthan. Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd. (ONGC), Oil India Ltd. (OIL) and private/ joint venture companies are at present carrying out hydrocarbon exploration in the State of Rajasthan.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Question does not arise.

Rise in natural gas price

1283. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have raised the natural gas price by 12 per cent for fertilizers and 26 per cent for power units;

(b) if so, the details about the price; and

(c) whether it has an impact upon the small and marginal farmers?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Non-revision of petroleum prices

†1284. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the companies working under the private sector have to suffer losses as a result of not increasing the prices of petrol and diesel suitably;

(b) if so, the details thereof, company-wise;

(c) whether the petroleum companies have been permitted to increase the prices of petrol and diesel every fortnightly in the domestic market upto 10 per cent; and

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.